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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121 for filing in connection with the above-identified application. Because this Preliminary Amendment is filed prior to receipt of a first office action on the merits in the above-referenced application, no fee is due. However, should it be determined that a fee for filing these papers is required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1213, as stated below:

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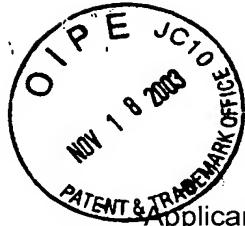
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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination in this case, Applicant requests amendment of the  
subject application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this document.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begins on page 15 of this document.

**Remarks** begin on page 16 of this document.